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Summary of Research Highlights Supported by ONR N00014-09-1-0217

- 1) Hydrophobic xerogel coatings are “robust” – good adhesion to glass, aluminum, fiberglass. Coated boats are in third and fourth seasons following application with no apparent deterioration of performance.
- 2) Xerogel surfaces with uniform topography are good models for correlation of surface energy/critical surface tension/water contact angles with settlement of fouling organisms/materials and strength of adhesion of fouling organisms/materials.
- 3) Xerogels incorporating TFPTMOS, PhTEOS, C3TMOS, C8TEOS, TEOS combinations give reduced settlement of *B. amphitrite* cyprids and zoospores of *Ulva linza* relative to PDMSE. *Ulva* sporelings are removed at hydrodynamic pressure comparable to PDMSE from the C18/C8/TEOS, 1:1 C3/TEOS, 1:1 C8/TEOS, 1:1:2 TFP/C3/TEOS, 1:1:2 TFP/C8/TEOS, and 1:1:2 C8/PH/TEOS xerogel formulations.
- 4) Statistically significant differences were noted with the various amine-containing xerogels with respect to settlement of zoospores of *Ulva*, removal of 7-day sporeling growth of *Ulva*, settlement of cypris larvae of the barnacle *B. amphitrite*, and removal of the diatom *Navicula perminuta*. Low molar concentrations of long-chain alkyl trialkoxysilanes in combination with C8/TEOS show foul-release characteristics with removal of juvenile barnacles and algal sporelings. This may be a consequence of the formation of nanopores on the surface of the xerogel.
- 5) Leachate studies show that none of the xerogels leach materials that cause increased mortality relative to leachates from glass slides.
- 6) Xerogels can be tailored to provide improved foul-release performance through the introduction of topographical features and chemical inhomogeneities using long-chain-length alkyls and perfluoroalkyls in the siloxanes.
- 7) Novel catalysts for the activation of hydrogen peroxide have been prepared by incorporating the imidazolium group from an ionic liquid into a selenoxide or seleninic acid catalyst. These hybrid catalysts obviate the need for an ionic liquid – rates in aqueous media and ionic liquids are identical.
- 8) Peroxide catalysts that are an integral part of the xerogel framework (Si-C bond) are superior to catalysts that incorporate the catalyst as an alkoxy ligand.
- 9) The incorporation of low levels of PEG into TDF/TEOS xerogels leads to porous structures with high surface area, high surface roughness, and chemical segregation of functionality.
- 10) Monoliths of 5 mole-% V_2O_5 or $O=V(O-iPr)_3$ in tetraethoxysilane (TEOS)-based xerogels containing 1 mole-% MW 3200 PEG or 1 mole-% 3-aminopropyltriethoxysilane (APTES) displayed catalytic activity comparable to the most active organochalcogenide catalysts.
- 11) In solution, diaryl ditellurides are the most active catalysts for the activation of H_2O_2 that have been examined in our studies. The active catalyst was identified as the tellurinic acid.

- 12) Topographical features such as nano- and micropores, and regions of chemical inhomogeneity produced selectively by judicious use of long-chain alkylsiloxane, perfluorosiloxane and PEG precursors have been examined chemically using TERS (tip-enhanced Raman spectroscopy).
- 13) A suite of xerogels with diverse properties (surface energy, charge, topography) have identified properties that either minimize or maximize settlement and removal of fouling species and biopolymers such as proteins.

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3) Detty, M. R. "Organically-modified Silicas as Anti-fouling/Fouling Release Coatings to Minimize Biofouling," ONR/SEACOAT International Workshop, Las Vegas, NV (December, 2011).

4) Detty, M. R. "Organically-modified Silicas as Anti-fouling/Fouling Release Coatings to Minimize Biofouling," Department of Chemistry, Elmira College, Elmira, NY (February, 2012).

5) Detty, M. R. "Organically-modified Silicas as Anti-fouling/Fouling Release Coatings to Minimize Biofouling," 16th International Congress of Marine Corrosion and Fouling (ICMCF), Seattle, WA (June, 2012).

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8) Detty, M. R. "Organically-modified Silicas as Anti-fouling/Fouling Release Coatings to Minimize Biofouling," Department of Chemistry, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (May 8, 2013).

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Degrees Awarded Based on Research Supported by ONR N00014-09-1-0217

1) Ms. Amber Bryant, University at Buffalo, M. A. in Chemistry, 2010, Thesis Title: *A Structure Activity Study of Sequestered Selenoxide Catalysts for the Activation of Hydrogen Peroxide as a Means to Eliminate Biofouling*.

2) Ms. Anastasiya Sokolova, University at Buffalo, M. Sc. in Medicinal Chemistry, 2011, Thesis Title: *Preparation and Analysis of Type II Xerogel Films with Antifouling/Foul Release Characteristics*.

3) Ms. Caitlyn Gatley, University at Buffalo, M. Sc. in Medicinal Chemistry, 2013, Thesis Title: *The Influence of Charged Xerogel Surfaces on the Settlement and Adhesion of Ectocarpus crouaniorum and Ulva linza.*

4) Ms. Lisa Muller, University at Buffalo, M. A. in Chemistry, 2015, Thesis Title: *The Kinetics and Recyclability of Telluride Catalysts Bound to Solid Silica and Their Potential for Environmentally Friendly Brominations.*

5) Dr. Stephanie M. Bennett, University at Buffalo, Ph. D. in Medicinal Chemistry, 2010, Dissertation Title: *Synthesis and Characterization of Sol-gel Derived Xerogel Films with Antifouling/Foul-release Properties and the Preparation, Immobilization, and Evaluation of a Selenoxide Catalyst for Brominations with Hydrogen Peroxide and Sodium Bromide in an Aqueous Environment.*

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- 2) Ms. Meredith Lang, B. Sc. in Chemistry, December, 2013
- 3) Mr. Joseph Ferrar, B. Sc. in Chemical Engineering, May, 2011